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PREFACE.

THIS volume is meant to provide material for daily use in household worship.

There can be no fixed rule as to the materials or the form most suited for the purpose. These will naturally vary with the age, the culture, the character, and the temperament of those who use them; but it will surprise no one who is familiar with the literature of Christian devotion, that in this volume, extensive use is made of those Collects which the Anglican Church has incorporated in her Prayer-book; and that, in addition, they have a place by themselves. It has seemed better to arrange them thus, than to mix them up with other materials, original or collected. Probably no forms exist which are comparable to these Collects, in all the essential requisites of catholic devotion. By combining several of them into a single

Service, a connected but varied series is easily obtained.

Some, who have been accustomed to regard the arrangements of the Anglican Prayer-book as approximately perfect, may dislike to find any portion removed from its old connection. If, however, the materials arranged for the public services of the Church are to be used in domestic worship, a rearrangement or selection of some sort is necessary; and the order adopted in this volume was arrived at after much consideration, and comparison with other methods.

The volume begins with thirty-one Services —one for each day of the month—and closes with the Collects, which may be either used by themselves, or appended (in whole or in part) to the Service for the day.

A suggested Lectionary for domestic use is printed as an appendix.

Every form of prayer should combine simplicity with depth, and sententious brevity with fervour. It should unite fulness and force of thought, with compactness of form and directness of expression. It will have an additional charm if, to the undogmatic embodiment of human feeling, it adds a certain antique stateliness, combining a grave simplicity with archaic grace of phrase. It is this latter feature which gives to the prayers which possess it

their more permanent character, inasmuch as it connects them with the past without losing hold of the present. Admirably embodied in the liturgies of the ancient Church, it can scarcely be said to characterise our modern attempts in the same direction.

The best prayers are the simplest, if they are at the same time expressive and full. Devotional thought should never be involved, and yet it should not be commonplace. It should be neither didactic, nor trivial. The triumph of perfect simplicity to which the writers of the old Church Collects attained, cannot perhaps be fully appreciated till one tries to add another to the series. It will then be seen that to avoid intricacy and to escape familiarity, to be neither rhetorical nor conventional, is the great difficulty and desideratum.

To attain to it—to construct a series of devotional forms that shall be solemn, earnest, and fervent, yet simple and natural in diction—it is above all things necessary that the subject-matter of the prayer be general, and not special; the thought outlined, but not filled in; and details suggested rather than expressed.

Hence the form should be undogmatic. One great dogma—including others within it—lies, of course, at the heart of all prayer; but

with the Divine nature on the one hand, and the human on the other, all the materials for devotion are supplied, and may be wrought out of their spiritual relations and affinities. The devout life is but the pulse of the human heart beating towards the Divine, and in the Divine, with all the varied relations of recognition, love, and trust which exist between them. Dogmatic thought, therefore (in the conventional sense of the term), ought to be rigorously excluded from family devotion, which should be the catholic utterance of human feeling and aspiration, broad as are the wants of humanity, and not overflowing into any peculiarities of religious opinion. The more closely our worship keeps to the elements of experience, the greater the number of those able to join in it with hearty appreciation.

It will be observed that the Services are printed for responsive worship.

The Lord's Prayer is invariably meant to be repeated by all in unison.

First Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, in whom we have our being, who in thy light hast revealed thyself unto us, but whom in our darkness we cannot comprehend, grant that we may think worthily of Thee as we ought to think, and may renew thine image in us, according to the pattern of thy Son, the man Christ Jesus, and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast made thy children to be one in the knowledge of thyself, grant that they may also be joined together in unity of spirit, and of holy desire, that they may serve Thee, in quiet freedom;

and that, in their whole spirit, soul, and body, they may be temples, fit for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who hast ordained that our life on this earth shall be a struggle, from the beginning even unto the end, so guide and order that struggle, we beseech Thee, that at the last, what is good in us may prevail over what is evil; that everything may be brought into harmony, and that God may be all in all. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

[*Together.*]

OUR Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Second Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who makest us both to will and to do those things that be good and acceptable, we offer unto Thee our humble supplications, beseeching Thee so to lead us in the knowledge of thy truth, and obedience to thy will, that out of weakness we may be made strong, and that finally we may obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who orderest the affairs of the world, unto Thee do we look up in trust and hope, commending ourselves unto thy care, and committing ourselves unto thy

guidance, both now and always; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, ever world without end.

Amen.

III.

WE ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, which is pure and peaceable, without partiality and without hypocrisy. Teach us to think soberly of ourselves, as we ought to think, and to bear each other's burdens always. Make us fruitful in every good work, to do thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast taught us that it is not in the abundance of the things which we possess that our true life consisteth, help us to set our affection on things eternal, to seek thy kingdom and righteousness, to put our hope in Thee, and above all things to love Thee with true hearts fervently, by the grace of thy Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD our Father, who makest mankind to dwell together in families, grant that in our household conversation we may be loving, helpful, and comfortable one to another, re-

joicing with them that do rejoice, and bearing one another's burdens, that so we may fulfil the law of our elder Brother, thy Son, Christ Jesus.

Amen.

III.

O ALMIGHTY God, and most merciful Father, who in thine inscrutable wisdom art calling unto thyself one and another from among us, we pray Thee to prepare the living for death, and the dying for the life which cannot die, that so, whether we abide on the earth or depart from it, we may advance thy purposes concerning us, and may glorify thy name, both in this world and in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, we offer and present unto Thee our souls and our bodies, our thoughts and our desires, our words and our deeds to be a living and continual sacrifice. We are not our own; therefore would we glorify Thee in our bodies and our spirits, which are thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

PRESERVE us this day, we beseech Thee, from all sloth and idleness, and from the misuse of what Thou hast intrusted to our care; and forasmuch as the business of this

life is apt to steal our hearts from Thee, give us grace to remember that we have a Master in heaven, and to live as seeing him who is invisible, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light ariseth for the upright, grant us grace in all our doubts and uncertainties, to ask of Thee what Thou wouldst have us to do, and a willing mind to do it straightway. May thy Spirit guard us from all foolish choices, and save us from all false preferences; and in thy light may we see light, to the end of our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast planted in us a desire to be freed from the bondage of things seen and temporal, grant that we may be increasingly delivered from their yoke; and, that we may be truly and always free, reveal unto us the power of those things which are not seen and eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE would walk through this world cheerfully and hopefully, seeking evermore to serve Thee with faithful hearts. Inspire us with the pure love of righteousness. Help us to resist what is evil, and to cleave to that

which is good. Give us a wise and understanding heart, to do thy holy will. Grant us the spirit of graciousness and true humility, that in lowliness of mind we may esteem others as better than ourselves. Help us to bear each other's burdens, and to do good to all as we have opportunity, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Amen.

III.

O LORD, we beseech Thee to have compassion on those who in this life are burdened with perplexities, or troubled by manifold cares and distractions. Help them to commit their cares to Thee, and to possess their souls in patience; and may thy peace console them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast set us in the midst of many and great dangers, grant us the spirit of watchfulness and prayer, that we may walk without reproach in the paths of life, and be preserved from any sudden fall into those evils which so easily beset us. Make us strong in all wisdom and virtue, according to the pattern of thy Son Christ Jesus, and by the grace of thy Holy Spirit.

Amen.

II.

WHATSOEVER things are pure and lovely, whatsoever things are gentle and generous, whatsoever things are noble and self-forgetful, honourable and of good report,—these

things, O Lord, grant that we may with one accord pursue, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

IN submission to thy will may our purposes be formed, our labour carried on and ended; and when we are weary of our work, may we continue to put our trust in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

SEARCH us, O God, and try our hearts; prove us and know our thoughts; and see if there be any wickedness in us; and lead us in the way everlasting. We know not what a day may bring forth; but Thou art the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever. O Thou, who art the everlasting refuge of the sons of men, in Thee do we put our trust, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, we give thanks for thy constant goodness and unfailing care; and we beseech Thee to make us truly sensible of thy mercy, enabling us to express our thankfulness, not only by our words, but also in our lives. Continue, we beseech Thee, thy goodness toward us; that we, on whom thy mercy has descended, may serve Thee in newness of life, and in righteousness, all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we acknowledge our failures and defects; we humbly confess our errors and our sins; but, forasmuch as Thou delight-

est to show mercy, we beseech Thee to pardon and absolve us, to deliver us from the burden of transgression, and to release us from the power of our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, by whose life alone we are upheld, grant that we may so use the world as not to abuse it, and so look upon the things which are seen and temporal, that through them we may also apprehend the things which are unseen and eternal; and forasmuch as we are compassed round about by a great cloud of witnesses, may we lay aside every weight, and the sins which do so easily beset us; that so we may run with patience the race set before us, and finally by thy mercy obtain the crown of life, that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O LORD our God, accept, we beseech Thee, the prayers which thy servants now make unto Thee. Manifest thyself unto us, feeling after Thee, and seeking Thee in the shades of ignorance. Scatter our darkness, Thou Source of light and wisdom. Stretch forth thy hand to help us, who cannot without Thee come to Thee; and preserve us this day, and all our days, from error and from every evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who art the life of all that lives, the strength of the weak, and the hope of those that be cast down, inform our minds

with thy truth, we beseech Thee, and our hearts with righteousness; strengthen our wills to choose the good, and to refuse the evil; help us to bear each other's burdens, to forgive one another's faults, and to forbear with every defect of judgment and of temper, in those with whom we live, and who daily help us. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who hast so ordered our life upon this earth, that we must eat bread in toil and sorrow, grant us thy peace, we beseech Thee, in the midst of our perplexities. We ask of Thee, O most Mighty, out of weakness to make us strong, in anxiety to keep us patient, and in all changes to preserve in us a cheerful spirit; and since we may not pass our time in rest and quietness, may we fight the good fight, learning how to endure, so that in due time we may obtain the crown of life that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, in the light of whose countenance there is perpetual day, grant that in thy presence we may lay aside all disguises, knowing that, wheresoever we are, we live in Thee. Let not the nearness and the custom of thy presence hide Thee from our eyes, but remove from us all those hindrances to light, and to the knowledge of thyself, which in our weakness we inherit, or in our folly create.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, who art faithful and just to forgive them that confess their sins, and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness, we humbly acknowledge our faults of passion and

temper, of indolence and selfishness, by which we have offended against Thee.

Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us according as our trust is in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who pervadest and animatest all that lives, who art the Source from which we come, the End to which we travel, and the Centre on which we rest; help us to put our trust in Thee for ever. Enable us to surrender our wills to thine, and to sacrifice each desire that is contrary to thy law.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

FATHER of the spirits of all flesh, whose mercy is from everlasting to everlasting, and whose strength is perfected in our weakness, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee. Thou who knowest the things that are in heaven and in earth, the secrets of our hearts are not hid from Thee, nor the sins that have escaped our notice; yet Thou despisest not the sighing of the contrite, nor the tears of such as are penitent. Look in mercy upon us, who are burdened with the sense of our transgressions; and release us from the bondage of our sins. Deliver us, we pray Thee, from blindness of mind and hardness of heart, from fretfulness, anxiety, and care, from all passion and prejudice; and grant that we may henceforward live peaceable lives, in all godliness and honesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who dost guide all the humble of heart, aid us by the continual inspiration of thy Spirit, that we may arise and depart out of whatsoever is old and dead to us; and that, by a new and living way, we may attain to that which cannot grow old, but is alive for evermore. Help us to lay hold of that by which we are also upheld, while we apprehend that by which also we are apprehended. In newness of heart, and in the patience of hope, we would do whatsoever our hands find to do, redeeming the time, because the night cometh in which we cannot work.

Amen.

III.

SHINE on us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that we may live as the children of the light. Let integrity and uprightness preserve us, and we shall not depart from thy commandments. Let thy love rule within our hearts, even that charity which is the bond of perfectness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eleventh Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom we live and move and have our being, Thou art our God, and we will praise Thee; our fathers' God, and we will exalt Thee. We are of the dust, and turn to dust again; but we rejoice that there is that within us which changeth not, which groweth not old nor fadeth away, for in Thee we live and move and have our being. O Thou, who hast been our dwelling-place in all generations, we bless Thee that Thou art an everlasting refuge for all the children of men, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who leadest us by a way we know not, deliver us also, we beseech Thee, from all the evils which we know. From vain

imaginings and foolish fears, from wandering desires and vacant purposes, from the ambitions that entangle and perplex, good Lord, deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who art our everlasting guide and help in time of trouble, lead us in the paths of righteousness for thy name's sake. Help us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. Give us an honest and upright heart, to hate all meanness and dishonesty and lies, and to seek after whatsoever things are true and honest and just, pure and lovely, and of good report. Keep our tongue from evil, and our lips that they speak no guile: may we be children of the light and of the day, in all our thoughts and doings. Save us from idleness and indolence: make us active and earnest in all good things. May it be our meat and drink to do thy will, that so we may count thy service our true honour, and thy favour our chief joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twelfth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all that Thou unfoldest and revealest through the veil of earthly things; and for thoughts which have strengthened us to work patiently, to endure steadfastly, and to continue in the doing of thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE bless and praise Thee, O Lord our God, that, when we are in darkness, and see Thee not, thy heaven remaineth full of light; and we beseech Thee to help us at all times to remember that the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee. Grant this, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who hast taught us that all things work together for good to them that love Thee, help us to trust in that eternal Will which works within our changeful life, to guide it everlastingly. Help, O Lord, the upward strivings of thy servants, that we be not henceforward swayed, to the right hand or to the left, by those things which in past times have led us astray, and destroyed our peace; and this we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

GRANT us pure aims and high resolves, that all our purposes may be in harmony with thy will; and help us to work while it is day, redeeming the time, for the night cometh, in which we cannot work.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Thirteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to grant us a knowledge of thyself. Increase in us this knowledge continually, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE humbly thank Thee that Thou dost regenerate us by thy Holy Spirit, and incorporate us with thy Church, uniting us and all our brethren in spiritual fellowship with thyself; and we humbly beseech Thee, that being thus united, we may remain the servants of righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, who hast taught us not to think of ourselves only, but also of the wants of others, we remember before Thee all who are burdened and oppressed; those whose hopes have been crushed, and whose purposes are overthrown. We remember all who are afflicted by poverty, or worn down by illness; the weary and the heavy laden; those also who are in darkness or despair, or who are suffering for righteousness' sake. Help them to rest in Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

AND we commend unto Thee all those about to depart this life, beseeching Thee to grant unto them the spirit of tranquillity and trustfulness. May they put their hope in Thee; and, having passed through the valley of the shadow in peace, may they enter into the rest that remaineth for the people of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

WE remember also all those once known to us on the earth, who have passed into the light of thy presence. Continue thy mercy and loving-kindness unto them, we beseech Thee, for evermore. These things we ask through him who has taught us to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Fourteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, in whom we live and move and have our being, who art within our thoughts and our desires, and art nearer to us than any creature, grant unto us, now kneeling before Thee, the inward succour of thy Spirit; send us help from above, and show to us thy heavenly light. May our thoughts be just and true, our desires upright, our purposes sincere, and all our actions fruitful unto good. Grant that, casting our cares on Thee, we may live as the children of the light, and labour patiently unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, the Father of our spirits, who art also the guide of them that put their trust in Thee, deliver us from all idolatry and falsehood, from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy, from slothfulness, timidity, or want of purpose. Cleanse us from secret faults, and preserve us from whatsoever is unworthy of the children whom Thou hast loved, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who art the Sun of righteousness and the light eternal, giving gladness unto all things, shine upon us both now and for ever, that we may walk alway in the light of thy countenance, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who art the Lord and giver of life, quicken what is dead within us, we beseech Thee, and awaken that which is asleep, that so we may serve Thee in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. Enable us also to lay aside every weight of care, anxiety, and fear, that so we may run with patience the race that is set before us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, who hast opened unto us the gate of righteousness that we may enter in, help us to walk before Thee in simplicity and sin-

cerity all our days. Teach us what Thou wouldst have us to do, and grant us submission to thy will. Bestow upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. May we work while it is day; for the night cometh, in which we cannot work.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the Father of all men, may thy children everywhere receive from Thee according to their need. Thou, who openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing, show thy mercy, we beseech Thee, to all whom we bear on our hearts before thee, all who are dear to us, or connected with us in any way, more especially if they are now in trouble or adversity. Help them to rest in Thee, and to wait patiently for Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, who leadest us by a way we know not, may the experience of our fathers be a light unto their children, and through all the changes of time may we find a refuge in thine unchangeableness. Be Thou a pillar of cloud by day, and of fire by night, showing us the way wherein we should walk; that so, having journeyed patiently and hopefully through the great and wide desert, we may at length, of thy mercy, enter into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

LET thy light shine upon us, O Lord, even the light of thy righteousness, that we may see our own particular faults, and be

enabled daily to amend our ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

HELP us to walk in the light, and to live in the Spirit, as seeing him who is invisible. Give us wisdom, that the judgments of our minds may be according to truth and soberness; and grant us discretion in the ordering of our lives before Thee. From all error and inadvertence, from slavish fears, from foolish desires and worldly ambition, be pleased to deliver us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventeenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, the Father of mercies, we, thine unworthy children, who have erred and strayed from thy ways, return unto Thee with contrite hearts, beseeching Thee to forgive, and to deliver us from evil. Remembering our weakness, we ask Thee to help us to lay aside all evil thoughts, words, and works, and to lay hold of all good thoughts, words, and works. May the power of evil be broken in us, and may the power of good be strengthened, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

FROM foolish thoughts and false affections,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From anger and passion, from suspicion and envy, from harsh judgment and evil-speaking, from uncharitable thought, and from all impatience,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From acquiescence in our faults, and from fruitless sorrow because of them,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all murmuring at our lot, or repining because of the burdens laid upon us,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From putting darkness for light, and light for darkness; from calling evil good, and good evil; from resisting thy Spirit, and yielding to temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From giving and from taking offence; from timidity and rashness; from self-assertion, and from following the multitude,

Good Lord, deliver us.

III.

O THOU, who art the fountain of all blessedness, the everlasting spring of goodness, and the source of all righteousness, God of our fathers unto whom their children now draw

nigh, let thy mercy be upon us, according as we hope in Thee. May thy Spirit guide us always; and thy light go before us, to lead us in the right way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who rulest and guardest the children of men, thyself unseen, compose our spirits, we beseech Thee, that they may rest in Thee. Pardon us whereinsoever we may this day err, in judgment, or in desire; in thought, speech, or behaviour. Cleanse us from secret faults; and follow us with thine everlasting mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

GRANT us grace, O Lord, to order our lives, according to thy will, and enable us to live in charity with all men. Uphold us by thy free Spirit, that we may be inspired with

inward might, and endued with true humility; and grant that, both when we labour and while we rest—both when we sleep and when we awake—thy light may be around us, and thy presence overshadowing us.

Amen.

III.

O LORD God, who art the life of mortals, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead; we thank Thee for peace and quiet, and for the rest that refreshes and fits us for toil. Since the night cometh, in which we cannot work, help us to labour faithfully while it is day; and, in all our labour to repose in Thee. God be gracious unto us, and give us all a heart to serve him, and to do his will, with a good courage and a willing mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Nineteenth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, we thank Thee for rest, and health; for work to do, and strength to do it; and for all the surroundings of our life, that make it desirable and enjoyable. Do Thou raise our thoughts, and purify our aspirations. Strengthen our wills, we beseech Thee, on the side of what is right and good, and against what is wrong and evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

BY fidelity and patience may all crooked things be made straight to us, and all rough places plain. Grant us true humility, and may our hope and courage never fail.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the fountain of all wisdom, we beseech Thee to illumine our minds in the knowledge of thy truth, that we may approve the things that are excellent, and be thoroughly furnished unto all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O THOU, who art the source of life and light to all mankind, shine on us, we beseech Thee, with the brightness of thy countenance, that so, when the cloud and the shadow return, we may still discern the path of life, and walk therein. Let thy blessing rest upon our work and our repose, upon our going out and our coming in, from this time forth, even for evermore, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twentieth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, whom we cannot see, but whom in the thick darkness we may always apprehend,—who revealest thyself to every trustful soul, and satisfiest the desire of all who hunger and thirst after righteousness,—may our confidence in Thee bring rest to us, in this troubled life of ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who orderest the affairs of the world, in boundless mercy, in perfect righteousness, and inestimable love, strengthen our weakness by thy power, and draw us ever onwards in the service of the truth, and

in devotion to that which is right, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, heavenly Father, we consecrate ourselves unto thy service, and dedicate our labour unto Thee, rejoicing in our work, because it is thy will. Grant that labouring in a strength that is not ours, and with a wisdom wiser than our own, we may persevere unto the end; though faint still pursuing, and apprehending that by which also we are apprehended, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

KEEP us from all hastiness of speech or of temper, from slothfulness, and from repining; and in us let patience have her perfect work, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-first Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who art never far from any one of us, who providest whatsoever is necessary alike for the body and the soul, to whom it is more blessed to give than to receive,—Thou who orderest the affairs of the world, and guidest the lives of the children of men, who comfortest us in trouble, and liftest us up when we are bowed down,—unto Thee do we give thanks at the beginning of this day, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, Father of the spirits of all flesh, who bestowest gifts upon thy children ever world without end, grant unto us, we

beseech Thee, a larger measure of thy light, that so we may attain unto a better knowledge of thyself, and increasing unity with Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

HAVE compassion, we pray Thee, upon all those, whose hearts are touched with sorrow, whose spirits are troubled or cast down within them. O Lord, remember those to whom the burdens of this life bring dimness or darkness of soul, and have mercy upon all who suffer, in body or mind, from whatever cause. Let thy mercy rest upon them, according as they hope in Thee.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-second Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, we bless Thee for the rest of another night, and that we awake this day in life, and in so much health and enjoyment. We beseech Thee to shine upon us, and teach us how to spend the coming day. May all we do be done honestly and faithfully. Give us strength and patience; and whether we succeed or fail, whether we are in joy or sorrow, may our confidence in Thee remain, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WHEREINSOEVER we have erred and strayed from thy ways; whereinsoever we have come short, or done that which

we ought not to have done, graciously forgive us, we beseech Thee. Help us to turn from all evil to that which is holy and good. Teach us to love what is right, and to do it for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

BREATHE into our souls, O heavenly Father, the love of whatsoever is true and beautiful and good. May we fear to be unfaithful, and have no other fear. Help us to remember that we are thy children, and belong to Thee. In thy service may we live, and in thy favour may we die, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-third Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such things as eye hath not seen nor ear heard nor heart conceived, deliver us, we pray Thee, from all error and delusion, from evil habit, and from every form of bondage; that so, whether we are in joy or in sorrow, in sickness or in health, we may render unto Thee a free and reasonable service all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

GRANT, O most merciful Father, that we, whom Thou hast by thy mighty power set free, may serve Thee evermore with quiet

minds, taking up the burdens laid upon us, because they are thy will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, who by thy holy inspiration dost enlighten and purify the minds of men, bringing them out of darkness and guiding them in the right way, send forth thy light, we beseech Thee, that we may walk without reproach, abiding in thy truth; that all the evil that is in us may die, and all the good may live; that we may be delivered from the power of temptation, and may at length attain unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-fourth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, in whom is no darkness at all, grant us thy light perpetually, and when we cannot see the way before us, may we continue to put our trust in Thee, that so being guided and guarded, we may be kept from falling, and finally by thy mercy enter into rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us thy help in the work of this day, that every duty may be done with earnestness, fidelity, and zeal. Let the light of thy countenance shine upon us, preserving us from error and rash judgment, from

sloth and from all things hurtful. Deliver us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, from envy, pride, and vainglory; from the covetousness which is idolatry, and from the uncharitableness which is death. Enable us to lay aside all bitterness and wrath and evil-speaking. May we continue in true humility, forbearing one another and forgiving one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

LEAVING the things that are too high for us, in quietness and confidence may we find our strength. We beseech Thee to inspire us with all the virtues of thy children, and grant that by the doing of thy will we may increase our light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-fifth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O GOD, by whose light alone the souls of men are guided, and by whose strength they are upheld, direct us in all our work, we beseech Thee, and enlighten us continually by thy Spirit, that so we may be inspired to new obedience, and quickened in the ways of thy law, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

CREATE clean hearts within us, cleanse us from secret faults, strengthen us by thine almighty power, and establish our lives in righteousness; save us from all that is morbid, and all that is foolish; make us natural in our desires, earnest in all our purposes,

and in our whole life sincere, and without guile, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

WHEN we are weary of work, and think it fruitless, when the light of our life has become dim, and our duty is hard because it seems unprofitable, help us, O God, we beseech Thee, to think of thy patience and long-suffering, that so we may again take up our labour and our burdens, and persevere with them unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-sixth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, we give Thee thanks for the light of another day, for the work we have to do, and for strength to do it. Guide us, we pray Thee, by thy truth, uphold us by thy power, and purify us by the continual indwelling of thy Spirit. Grant that by every opportunity we have, we may grow in wisdom, and knowing the things that belong to our peace, may obtain strength to persevere unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

PRESERVE, O Lord, and deepen our trust in Thee, and in thy providence; increase our confidence in thy love, wisdom, and jus-

tice; that so we may not live without God in the world. Direct our thoughts and words aright this day, we beseech Thee. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, and be expressed in everything that we do, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

BLESS all who are connected with us, especially those who may be in trouble or adversity, helping them to possess their souls in patience, and giving them, if it be thy will, a happy issue out of trouble, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-seventh Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who hast awakened us again after sleep, we bless Thee for the light of this day, and for the duties which await us. Keep us steadfast at our work, we beseech Thee, and patient in the doing of thy will. Renew thy strength in us, and replenish us with the graces of thy Spirit. O Thou in whom we have trusted, vouchsafe to keep us this day without sin, and, if it please Thee, in prosperity and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, we beseech Thee so to rule and guide our hearts, that we may be preserved from all evil and danger, from selfish-

ness and vainglory, from excess and the pursuit of vanity, from foolish choices, unreasonable fears, and every form of bondage, that so we may serve Thee in freedom all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of the spirits of all flesh, be pleased so to illumine all souls with thy light, that, in growing unity with Thee, they may be sharers of the life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-eighth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who art the light of the minds that know Thee, the life of the souls that love Thee, and the strength of the thoughts that seek Thee, help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, whose service is perfect freedom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

FROM evil thoughts, and low desires,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From covetousness, vainglory, and sloth,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From envy, malice, and all uncharitableness,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From revenge, and the remembrance of injuries,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From self-love, and the forgetfulness of benefits,

Good Lord, deliver us.

III.

O LORD our God, almighty and most merciful Father, let thy good Spirit dwell in us always, inspiring us with lofty purposes and a steadfast reverence, that so we may have strength to serve Thee, with all diligence, in humility and singleness of heart; using faithfully in thy service whatsoever Thou hast intrusted to our care. May we be increasingly in union with all that is good, and increasingly at variance with all that is evil, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Twenty-ninth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who hast taught us that in love to Thee and to our neighbour we keep all the commandments, enable us to love Thee with our whole heart, and our neighbour as ourselves; endue us with the graces of thy Spirit; conform us to thy righteous will; and strengthen our weakness by thy power, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

DELIVER us from self-will, from blindness of mind, from hardness of heart, from frowardness of spirit, from foolish desires, from false ambition, and from all forgetfulness of Thee. Grant us the spirit of true religion,

the spirit of meekness and forbearance, of modesty and contentment, of patience and humility, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O THOU, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, grant thy blessing unto all mankind, and visit the whole world with thy mercy. Let thy way be known upon earth, and thy saving health among all nations. These things we ask, through him who has taught us to say,

OUR Father, &c.

Thirtieth Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

SPIRIT of truth and of light, shine into our hearts, we pray Thee, now and at all times; illumine our minds with the knowledge of thyself, and guide us in the right way; that so we may walk undismayed through all the perplexities of this world; doing our daily work in all modesty, simplicity, and patience; bearing our burdens, because they are thy will; and persevering in the practice of all the virtues of thy children, whom Thou hast called unto fellowship with thyself, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU, who hast taught us to lose our wills in thine, and to find them again transformed, breathe into us, we beseech Thee, the breath of thine own life, and grant that, yielding ourselves to the inspiration of thy righteousness, all the evil that is in us may die, and all the good may live; and thine shall be the praise, ever world without end.

Amen.

III.

GUIDE us, O God, from day to day, that we may continue in the practice of all righteousness, knowing that Thou dost beset us behind and before: and forasmuch as Thou hast ordained that we should eat our bread in sorrow, grant that we may have increasing joy and rest in Thee, and may live as the children of the light, continuing steadfast and faithful unto the end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Thirty-first Service.

Let us Pray.

I.

O THOU, who dwellest in the high and holy heaven, but who visitest the hearts of the lowly, vouchsafe thy presence, we beseech Thee, unto us, now and for ever. May integrity and uprightness preserve us, that we may stand within thy holy place. O Father of lights, send forth thy light upon us, with thy truth, which sanctifieth and maketh free. We ask of Thee the wisdom that cometh from above, that is pure and peaceable, full of gentleness and mercy. May thy love rule within our hearts, thy righteousness direct our wills, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O THOU who changest not, amid the strifes of the world grant us thy peace; in all its changefulness be Thou our stay; deliver us from its vanities, and enable us to find our chief good in Thee. Let all bitterness and wrath, and evil-speaking, be put away from us; may we be kind-hearted, and learn to forgive one another, even as Thou hast forgiven us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ENABLE us to love Thee with all our heart and soul and strength and mind, and our neighbour as ourselves. Help us to bear the yoke of Christ, and to be meek and lowly in heart. Sweeten our tempers, and dispose us to be kind and helpful to each other, and to all men. Make us kind in thought, gentle in speech, and generous in action. Teach us that it is more blessed to give than to receive: that it is better to minister than to be ministered unto, better to forget ourselves than to put ourselves forward. Deliver us from anger, hatred, malice, envy, and from all harsh thoughts and unlovely manners. Make us of some use in this world; may we more and

more forget ourselves, and work the work of him that sent us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

A PRAYER AT CHRISTMAS.

O GOD our Father, who at this season didst send down thy Son to be born into flesh; Thou whom the innumerable company of the heavenly host did praise, saying, "Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill toward men;" grant that the kingdoms of the world may be joined together in amity; send forth among all men friendship and reconcilement; let them forgive whose brethren have offended, and let them repent who have offended their brethren; that so we thy children upon earth may be gathered into one united family, concordantly praising Thee, and blessing Thee for the great Redemption.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by the birth of thy holy child Jesus hast given us a great Light to dawn upon our darkness, grant, we pray Thee, that in his light we may see light to the end of our days: and bestow upon us, we beseech Thee, that most excellent Christmas gift of charity to all men, that so the likeness of thy Son may be formed in us; and that we may have the ever-brightening hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE ANGLICAN COLLECTS,

ARRANGED FOR FAMILY WORSHIP.

First Service.

I.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance, to do always that is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed.

Amen.

III.

O ALMIGHTY God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very

bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Second Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, the protector of all that trust in Thee without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, Thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O God, who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards Thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

V.

O LORD, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon Thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to

do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Third Service.

I.

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; grant to us, thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth; mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and grant us thy peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

DEFEND us, O Lord, with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thine for ever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, until we come unto thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fourth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name turn from us all those evils that we most righteously have deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve Thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify thy holy name, and finally by thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

LORD, we beseech Thee, grant thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

KEEP, we beseech Thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Fifth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end.

Amen.

II.

O LORD God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith

in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please Thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Sixth Service.

I.

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

II.

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity; mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers; and because, through the weakness of our mortal nature, we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of thy grace, that in keeping of thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

LORD, we pray Thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's name; we beseech Thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us, that have made now our prayers and supplications unto Thee; and grant, that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may

effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Seventh Service.

I.

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father; we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore Thou them that are penitent; according to thy

promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

GRANT, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Eighth Service.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, who through thine only begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, of thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldst have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and to do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

LORD, we beseech Thee to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Ninth Service.

I.

O LORD, who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

II.

O LORD, we pray Thee with great might to succour us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that thy faithful people do unto Thee true and laudable service; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

WE beseech Thee, almighty God, mercifully to look upon thy people; that by thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

STIR up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Tenth Service.

I.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

II.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that

which Thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

III.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

IV.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

V.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the

changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

Lectionary,

WHICH MAY BE USED WHEN THE PSALTER IS NOT READ.

I.—OLD TESTAMENT.

	A. Historical.	B. Prophetical.
1.	Genesis i. 1-23.	Isaiah i. 1-20.
2.	" i. 23-ii. 4.	" ii.
3.	" iii.	" xi. 1-10.
4.	" xiii.	" xxv.-xxvi. 4.
5.	" xv.	" xxxii.
6.	" xxii. 1-20.	" xl. 1-17.
7.	Exodus iii.	" xl. 18-31.
8.	" xiv.	" xlii. 1-16.
9.	Numbers xxii.	" li. 1-16.
10.	" xxiii., or xxiv.	" lii. 1-12.
11.	Deut. v. 1-22, or viii.	" lii. 13-liii.
12.	" xxx.	" lv.
13.	Judges v.	" lviii. 3-12.
14.	Ruth i.	" lxi.
15.	1 Samuel ii. 1-26.	" lxiii. 1-16.
16.	" iii.	Jeremiah xxxiii. 1-8.
17.	" xii.	Ezekiel xviii. 19.

18.	2 Samuel xii. 1-23.	Ezekiel xxxiii. 1-20.
19.	2 Chron. xxxvi.	Hosea vi.
20.	1 Kings iii.	" xi.
21.	" xvii.	" xiv.
22.	" xix. 1-18.	Jonah iii. 10-iv.
23.	2 Kings ii. 1-15.	Micah vi. 1-15.
24.	" iv. 8-37.	Job xxxviii. 1-22.
25.	" v.	" xxxviii. 23-41.
26.	" ix.	Proverbs i. 1-23.
27.	" xx.	" iii. 1-20.
28.	1 Chron. xxii.	" xxiv.
29.	Ezra i.	" xxx. 1-19.
30.	" iii.	" xxxi. 19-31.
31.	Nehemiah i.-ii. 8.	Eccles. xi. 9-xii.

II.—NEW TESTAMENT.

	A. Life of Christ.	B. Words of Christ and His Apostles.
1.	John i. 1-18.	Luke viii. 4-15.
2.	Luke ii. 1-20.	Rom. xiii. 8-14.
3.	" ii. 40-52.	Matt. v. 1-20.
4.	Matt. iv. 1-11.	Phil. ii. 1-11.
5.	John iii. 1-21.	Matt. v. 38-48.
6.	Luke iv. 14-21.	1 John i. 1-ii. 3.
7.	Matt. iv. 13-25.	Matt. vi. 1-18.
8.	Luke vii. 36-50.	Heb. ix. 11-28.
9.	Matt. viii. 18-27.	Matt. vi. 19-34.
10.	" x. 1-15.	James i. 17-27.
11.	" xv. 29-39.	Matt. vii. 1-12.
12.	" xvi. 13-28.	1 John iv. 7-21.
13.	Mark ix. 33-41.	Matt. vii. 13-viii. 2.
14.	Luke ix. 51-62.	1 Pet. iii. 8-22.
15.	" x. 21-42.	Luke xviii. 1-14.
16.	John xi. 1-27.	1 Cor. xiii.

17.	John xi. 28-46.	1 John iii. 13-24.
18.	Luke xiv. 1-24.	Matt. xviii. 21-35.
19.	" xv. 1-10.	Rom. xii.
20.	" xv. 11-32.	John x. 1-18.
21.	Mark x. 13-22.	Rom. vi. 3-18, or viii. 31-39.
22.	Luke xix. 2-28.	Matt. xxv. 1-13.
23.	" xix. 29-38.	Eph. iii. 13-21.
24.	John xii. 37-50.	" iv. 17-32.
25.	Matt. xxvi. 1-16.	Matt. xxv. 14-30.
26.	John xiii. 1-20.	Eph. vi. 10-24.
27.	Matt. xxvi. 17-30.	Col. iii.-iv. 6.
28.	Luke xxii. 39-51.	John xiv. 1-21.
29.	John xviii. 28-40.	Phil. iv. 4-13.
30.	Luke xxiii. 33-46.	Matt. xxv. 31-45.
31.	Mark xv. 42-xvi. 7.	Rev. xxi. 1-7.

THE END.

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